

## **QHSUA Survey Intern**

**What we're looking for:** The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (QHSUA) is looking to host a graduate student interested in community-based research, particularly if interested in substance use and mental health. We will be conducting a survey about the health and needs of 19-26 years old in Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, and other surround towns.

Students will be asked to participate in:

1. Designing the community survey(s) (what questions do we want to ask?)
2. Designing survey implementation (how do we get the survey out?)
3. Administering survey(s), in person and virtually
4. Community and team meetings
5. Data analysis

Much of the work can be conducted virtually; however, access to a car or transportation will be necessary for administering the survey and occasional team meetings.

We think this work could be a good fit for an MPH Practicum and/or Project.

**Length of Internship and Workload:** We are looking for someone to work with us November 2022 through April 2023. Hours per week will vary, but the most hours will be needed (~10 hours) during winter 2022-2023 and early spring 2023.

**Who are we:** The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (QHSUA) is a diverse, dynamic group of individuals and organizations that have a keen interest in substance use prevention, treatment and recovery. We believe that substance use and mental health disorders are preventable, treatable conditions and that recovery is possible. We value all pathways to recovery and respect the wisdom of lived experience.

In the rural Quaboag Hills geographic area, the Alliance works in close collaboration with many partners who live and work in communities at the margins of three Massachusetts Counties – Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester Counties. We believe it's up to all of us to make sure our youth have the best chance to become healthy adults and that support for individuals and families seeking recovery is widely available. We are supported by a variety of grants, including Drug Free Communities and a STOP Act.

<https://qhsua.org/>

**How to apply:** If interested, send a letter of interest and the contact information of one current or former work or research colleague to Maegan Boutot at [mboutot@townofware.com](mailto:mboutot@townofware.com) and Gail Gramarossa at [ggramarossa@townofware.com](mailto:ggramarossa@townofware.com) . Questions welcome!

**Stipend:** We will provide a monthly \$400 stipend over six months, totaling \$2,400 by the end of the project.